

Harrington Park Recreation Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, July 17, 2019

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman DeGruccio called the meeting to order at 8:06pm.

Chairman's Announcement

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

2. ROLL CALL

COMMISSION Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
(CD) Charles DeGruccio (chairman)	X	
(LC) Lynne Cappelmann	X	
(TD) Thomas Donnelly	X	
(PK) Patrick (Kelly) Kramer	X	
(AP) Ashely Plescia	X	

ALSO PRESENT:

(JC) Joon Chung, Council Liaison

(CL) Carolyn Lee, Secretary

3. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

No one from the public.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. Approval of Minutes (June 19, 2019)

Motion: LC Second: TD

In favor, all said "aye".

5. UPDATES

a. Finance and Budget

b. Field Requests

A. Bagels and Bubble – Jr. Womans Club (George Street, Aug. 2)

CD approved the application and will inform them.

B. Raiders Football and Cheer – practices on Upper Highland (Aug.12 – Sept. 6, Monday to Thursday)

The Raiders submitted the application to use Upper Highland Field while Kennedy Field is being worked on. LC said the email indicated that Kennedy Field is due to be finished for their first game, so it would be used only for practices. CD and CL have not seen it. AP and LC received the application and COI and will forward it. The dates requested are August 12- Sept.6. The practices are usually Monday through

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Thursday. The dates and times need to be verified against the Upper Highland Field schedule.

Vote to approve the application conditional on dates, times and availability of field.

Motion: TD Second: KK

In favor, all said "aye.

CD will review the application and COI and will coordinate field scheduling with Lara.

c. School Coordination

A. Indoor Soccer

LC has not billed indoor soccer on behalf of the school. AYSO would not sign the school's form and as a result has lowered their usage (about 2-3 hrs/week).

Recreation should determine if the town should bill soccer then have the town pay the school; instead of Rec billing soccer and soccer pay the school. If soccer is under the town, there could be more school gym usage. This falls under the Recreation Director. JC will talk to the school. LC can determine the number of hours. Basketball has most of the gym time.

d. Sports Coordination

A. Recreation Director

Lara Toomin has been hired as the Recreation Director. The job description was handed out.

B. Baseball

JC updated the members that baseball has good account balances. Lara and Peter will try to reduce costs for next year. A portion of the funds will go to build the baseball program and to field maintenance. JC and Peter will meet next week for a review of the program needs and improvements for next year.

C. Soccer

VIP Soccer is also part of AYSO and would like to be put in the umbrella with Rec Soccer. JC will meet with VIP Soccer, Terry Schettino.

D. Softball

Softball league is an association where a town representative attends a meeting to schedule the games before the season starts. AP explained if someone broke a rule and the consequence were to suspend the person from one game, the team would require a vote from the association. JC said that the association is being dissolved and members should reach out to each of the towns to coordinate games. AP was included in a recent email that indicated that there is still an association. AP and Lara, on behalf of Chris Apostle, scheduled the games with the other towns this year. There was discussion on what the plans are for next year. Towns should reach out to each other to determine the games.

e. Town Programs

A. National Night Out (Aug.6, 2019)

JC provided an update. The helicopter is scheduled. The prosecutor's office, Fire, EMS and the Police will participate. The Bergen County Consumer Office

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will be there and work with the elderly about fraud. This year, Harrington Park is organizing and moving forward, it may be a multi-town event.

B. Town Day (Sept. 7, 2019)

Donations are starting to coming in. CL listed the donations received. The issue is insurance for the rides. LC emailed FunTime for the insurance and will make sure that the entertainment company is insured for the bouncy rides, etc. The JIF representative reached out to make sure that the bouncy rides had insurance. CL will send TD the donation letter and a list of companies that the letter has been sent. TD will send out letters to additional companies, such as FieldPro, Hackensack Hospital, and others he is in contact with. JC said that the new restaurant is interested in donating. CL submitted the social affairs permit application. JC will schedule a meeting with Officer Getto regarding Town Day to discuss liquor sales and programs for town day. AP will contact Lianne Baly about beer donation. AP said that the kegs are still in the hut and should be removed. Lianne needs to remove them. The donations for town day cover the costs.

C. Ragamuffin (Oct. 26, 2019)

f. Park & Playground Maintenance

i. Playground Maintenance

Highland Field – Broken Tubular Slide

KK will check the slide listed in the JIF inspection to see if it is repairable or needs replacement parts. DPW may be able to repair it.

ii. Field Maintenance

1. FieldPro would like to schedule maintenance on Pondside and Highland Field and ensure there is nothing scheduled. TD is coordinating the schedule.
2. George Street Field – AP called DPW about a broken/snapped tree and is concerned that kids will climb on the tree.
3. Deer – Discussion about deer issues.
4. Nets – Highland Field Basketball Courts. LC asked DPW to install the nets that Jon Mangano purchased. Should the nets be purchased from basketball or Rec or supplied by basketball?
5. School Basketball – Basketball paid the school about \$5,800 for school usage for custodial fees. Indoor soccer also pays for school usage. According to Jon this is the only town that charges for school use. If this is the case, JC will speak to the school. This arrangement was agreed on a while ago where the custodian time is \$20/hr. If 2 sports are using the gym, they split the cost to \$10/hr.
6. Fieldhouse – the roof and door is in need of repair. JC will ask the town engineers about costs. AP and TD will get an estimate from a couple of

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contractors. JC will see if she can secure the money from the various sports organizations. Recreation will have to get 2 other quotes.

6. PROJECTS

a. Grant Update

Greg Polyniak will work on the project but is currently busy with the paving project.

7. OTHER ITEMS

a. Wooden Bleachers

Last meeting, Lara suggested that the wood be replaced. It was suggested that the wood be replaced with Trex decking or a similar product. It is a good option because the water can be wiped off easily after it rains as well as it can prevent splinters. JC will ask Lara to look into it and how much it would cost to repair.

b. Baseball Donation

TD said the old equipment might not be to code. Older equipment should be thrown out.

8. ADJOURN

Motion: CD Second: TD

In favor, all said "aye".

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

NEXT MEETING

Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 21, 2019 at 8pm.